

d.) Remarks.

Applicant has amended the specification to insert headings where appropriate, a summary (taken for the claims), a Description of Figures, and language regarding incorporation by reference and the scope of the various embodiments. Applicant has further amended claims 1-14 and added new claims 15-20, all to more clearly define the invention. Support for all amendments and new claims can be found in the existing claims and the specification. For example, new claim 15 is supported in the specification at page 21, line 17. New claim 16 is supported in the specification at page 12, lines 32-35. New claim 17 is supported in the specification at page 12, lines 44-47. New claims 18-20 are supported in the specification at page 17, lines 5-29, and original claims 12 and 13. Accordingly, no new matter is presented with these amendments and new claims.

Accordingly, claims 1-20 are now pending. For the convenience of the examiner, a clean copy of all pending claims is attached hereto.

Conclusion

The application is in condition for examination and the prompt issuance of an office action is earnestly solicited. If there are any fees due with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, not otherwise accounted for herein, including any fees for an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that extension and further requests that any and all such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1952.

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